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THIN-FILM MANGANATE LAYERS ON A SUBSTRATE"

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examining the instant application on the merits, please amend the
application as follows: